स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) से (ग) सामान्य रूप से केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना/सरकारी विशेषज्ञों द्वारा संस्तुत चिकित्सा प्रक्रियाओं का लाभ केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त प्राइवेट अस्पताल में उठाया जा सकता है। चूंकि लेसर प्रोस्टीटेक्टोमी की तकनीक हाल ही में देश में शुरू की गई है। इसलिए इसे अब तक अनुमोदित प्रक्रियाओं की सूची में शामिल नहीं किया गया है। तथापि, सूची की समीक्षा समय-समय पर की जाती है और नई तकनीकें/प्रक्रियाएं उसमें शामिल की जाती हैं।

Study to Establish Relationship between Tobacco Consumption and Diseases

2517. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to establish the relationship between tobacco consumption and certain disease such as mouth cancer etc. that affect smokers and consumers of other forms and tobacco; and

(b) if so, the result thereof and what action Government propose to take to discourage tobacco consumption and reduce the health hazards caused by consumption of tobacco in different forms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Tobacco consumption is a known cause of cancer of various part of the body and also of coronery heart diseases and lung diseases. Clinical studies conducted in All India Institute of Medical Sciences have shown significant relationship between tobacco consumption and oral cancer and also other cancers affecting the Larynx. Population studies conducted by Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh have also shown significant relationship between tobacco intake in any form and oral cancer.

Following measures have been taken to discourage consumption of tobacco:—

(i) As per the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 it is mandatory to display health warning on all cartons/packets of cigarettes.

(ii) Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 a warning "Chewing of tobacco is injurious to health" is mandatory.

(iii) Direct advertisements relating to tobacco or tobacco related products are prohibited on Doordarshan.

(iv) Under the Pilot Project on comprehensive Oral Health care, emphasis is given to discourage consumption of Tobacco through community awareness.

Development of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy and Unani systems of Medicine in the country

2518. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to develop Ayurvedic, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy and Unani systems of medicine in the country;

(b) whether funds have been provided by the World Health Organisation and foreign organisations for developing such systems of medicine in India;

(c) whether Government propose to help voluntary organisation and private institutions for developing such systems of medicine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The Government have set up a new department of Indian System of Medicine & Homoepathy in March, 1995 for the development and promotions of these